(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is because of unnecessary lengthy official procedure, which creates too much of complicacies in the process of implementation;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to further simplify the procedure; and

(e) whether Government would consider the release of fund in one single instalment instead of double instalment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Execution of MPLAD Scheme are not always delayed. Procedure followed in execution of MPLAD Scheme is as per the established procedure followed in the Government of India for implementing development programmes.

(d) In order to improve and simplify the procedure, the Guidelines on MPLAD Scheme is under revision. The draft revised guidelines has been submitted to Committee of MPLADS Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for views.

(e) There is no such proposal. Government releases funds in two instalments. First instalment is released automatically where second instalment of the previous year has been released.

Arrangements for Commonwealth Games

484. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the arrangements in connection with Commonwealth Games 2010; if so, with what results;

(b) whether it is a fact that distractions near the Games Village including railway track and Akshardham Temple, traffic bottlenecks and venues being located far away from city's airports are some of the problems; and

(c) the steps contemplated to address the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Government of India has constituted a core Group of Ministers (GoM) for coordinating the work relating to the

organization of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. An Apex Committee for overseeing and coordinating the Games has been set up. An Organizing Committee under the Chairmanship of President, IOA for conduct of the Games has been constituted.

The arrangements for holding the Commonwealth Games 2010 at Delhi are underway. A review of existing infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken. The existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) with required upgradation and renovation would be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games.

A Task Force for upgradation/renovation of SAI's infrastructure has been set up and the consultancy on SAI's existing infrastructure has been assigned to CPWD. Condition Survey of SAI's existing five Stadia at Delhi has been undertaken.

Regarding construction of a Commonwealth Games Village, a site off the Nizamuddin Bridge has been identified. Delhi Development Authority has also commenced the action to prepare preliminary designs in respect of new venues & Games Village proposed to be constructed by it.

A core Committee has been set up by Government of NCT of Delhi under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi to prepare a master plan for improvement/up gradation of civic amenities in Delhi for Commonwealth Games, 2010. The Government of NCT of Delhi is in the process of finalizing plans for up gradation of roads, health care, civic amenities, traffic management and parking for the Commonwealth Games.

(b) DDA have engaged M/s Event Knowledge Service for Venue Reappraisal Study who have submitted a draft report. The draft report has flagged issues like traffic bottlenecks, proximity to Akshardham Tample & a railway track, distance from airport, etc.

(c) The matter is being discussed with various stakeholders to meet these concerns.